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Summary of Project Activities

"A STUDY of IMAGING INTERFEROMETRY SIMULATORS" NAG5-11360

Introduction:

Several new space science mission concepts under development at NASA-GSFC for astronomy are intended to carry out synthetic imaging using Michelson interferometers or direct (Fizeau) imaging with sparse apertures. Examples of these mission concepts include the Stellar Imager (SI), the Space Infrared Interferometric Telescope (SPIRIT), the Submillimeter Probe of the Evolution of Cosmic Structure (SPECS), and the Fourier-Kelvin Stellar Interferometer (FKSI).

We have been developing computer-based simulators for these missions. These simulators are aimed at providing a quantitative evaluation of the imaging capabilities of the mission by modelling the performance on different realistic targets in terms of sensitivity, angular resolution, and dynamic range. Both Fizeau and Michelson modes of operation can be considered. Our work is based on adapting a computer simulator called imSIM, which was initially written for the Space Interferometer Mission in order to simulate the imaging mode of new missions such as those listed. In a recent GSFC-funded study we have successfully written a preliminary version of a simulator SISIM for the Stellar Imager and carried out some preliminary studies with it. In a separately funded study we have also been applying these methods to SPECS/SPIRIT.

Work accomplished:

In the last year of support under the grant referenced above, we have extended and improved the simulator for the Stellar Imager, incorporating several new features into it as requested by the PI Dr. Ken Carpenter, and made a start at writing a simulator for the FKSI mission.

Improvements to SISIM:

SISIM initially modelled only photon noise. The possibility to include various instrument errors such as errors in positions of the individual apertures and errors in the calibration of the visibilities has now been added into the code. These additions permit more realistic estimates to be made of the sensitivity and dynamic range for a variety of targets. Some minor modifications to the default parameters like aperture positions, wavelengths etc have been done, and output files are provided now in PNG format as well. We have also added flexibility in the method of choosing the array configuration.

A major addition since the last report is a new noise "widget" suitable for Fizeau operation. We can now quantitatively estimate image degradation for a range of probable errors, both in phase and in amplitude, at the individual apertures. A poster paper was presented at the recent SPIE meeting in Kona demonstrating the basic aspects of this capability.

The code for the "SIsim" simulator was provided to GSFC in the spring of 2002.

A Preliminary Version of FKSIM:

We have made a start on a simulator for FKSI with much the same general capabilities as SIsim, except for physical parameters such as mirror size, wavelength of operation, etc. FKSI will differ from the other simulators in the kind of noise models needed. The noise widget available is flexible enough to implement a variety of noise sources, including IR background as an amplitude perturbation at the apertures.

A thorough testing of all the features provided in FKSIsim remains to be carried out.

In Conclusion:

A paper was read at the SPIE meeting in Kona last summer describing the work carried out under this grant (Allen, R. J., Boeker, T., & Rajagopal, J. 2003, "Simulators for Imaging Interferometry in Space", SPIE, Kona).

The code provided under this grant remains the intellectual property of the Space Telescope Science Institute and cannot be further distributed without the express agreement of the PI, Dr. Ronald J. Allen.

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